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MOUNTAINAIR STATE BANK IS NOW INCORPORATED

Capital of \$25,000 is Over Subscribed in Less than Two Days

READY FOR BUSINESS ABOUT NEW YEARS

Stockholders are All Home People who are Interested in Mountainair

The Mountainair State Bank, long a dream, has been a reality since Tuesday noon, December 12th, the incorporation having been perfected. The incorporators are: H. F. Mathews, Jas. H. Rhoades and J. N. Burton. The capital stock will be distributed according to the subscription list, as soon as the stock certificates, which have already been ordered, arrive. Upon the arrival of these certificates the subscribers will be notified and their stock issued upon payment of the same. It is hoped to have the institution ready for business about the first of the year.

Messrs. Mathews and Rhoades returned from Santa Fe yesterday noon, and are busy looking after a location and building for the new concern. Furniture and fixtures have been ordered and are expected to be here within a reasonable time.

Several parties have applied for stock, since the whole of the capital has been subscribed, so that there is a waiting list, in case any of the original subscribers should drop out for any reason.

The long-needed bank of Mountainair is to become a reality by the first of the year or soon thereafter. Last Saturday H. F. Mathews of the foothill country in the northwestern portion of the county was in Mountainair, talking with the merchants and farmers of this vicinity, and succeeded in placing most of the stock necessary for the organization of a bank here. By noon Monday the last of the \$25,000 capital stock necessary was subscribed and Mr. Mathews left for Santa Fe to go before the State Corporation Commission to secure the charter.

Mr. Mathews, who will be the principal stockholder of the institution, has been a resident of the county for some ten years, and has been one of the most successful farmers in the whole county. He comes of a family of bankers, having two brothers who are successful bankers in neighboring states. Mr. J. N. Burton, recently manager of the Estancia Lumber Company will be the cashier of the new bank. Mr. Burton has been connected with the mercantile business during the eight or nine years he has been in the county. Prior to coming to the Estancia Valley he was connected with a bank at Corpus Christi, Texas, for six years, so that he brings experience along with his reputation for honesty and upright dealings. All of the stockholders are local men—men who have helped largely in the building of Mountainair, and whose faith in the future of the town has never wavered.

Through its correspondents, the local institution will be able to care for any business which may arise in this vicinity, however large. The need of a bank here has been keenly felt for some time, and especially during the past six months.

The Epworth League will give a Social at the Chapel some night during Christmas week.

Preaching Services

Cedar Grove, 1st Sunday at 11 a. m. Liberty, 2d Sunday at 11 a. m. Roundtop, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m. Mesa Schoolhouse, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m.

W. D. Garrison, Pastor.

MANUAL TRAINING

Manual training, domestic science and agriculture are arousing keen interest in Torrance country, according to the official report made today by County School Superintendent C. L. Burt to State Industrial Supervisor I. C. Mersfelder. His report pays a high tribute to the rural school teachers who show an interest in these branches despite the fact that they are crowded for time, owing to the many classes they teach. Mr. Burt's report is as follows:

"Mountainair, N. M., Dec. 7, 1916.

"Hon L. C. Mersfelder, Santa Fe, N. M.

"Dear Sir—In answer to your request wish to present the report on 'MANUAL TRAINING

"Manual training is being taught in all the town schools of the county and in many of the rural schools. Owing to lack of space and equipment the amount of work being done is limited. Several schools have purchased some benches and other necessary equipment in order to make a start. The work being done is of a practical nature and calculated to act as a stimulus for greater effort on the part of the teacher and pupil.

"DOMESTIC SCIENCE

"Wherever I have been in the county I find interest being taken in this branch. Cooking, sewing clubs, etc., are organized and teachers and pupils alike are manifesting a greater interest than ever before especially in the schools having more than one teacher. I find that the teachers in the rural schools are making the best of their opportunities and giving their pupils the best there is at hand when the limited amount of equipment is taken into consideration and time that can be given to this work. The average teacher in the rural school is crowded for time to give much attention to this work, but I am glad to state that the teachers of Torrance county are always ready and willing to make the best of their equipment.

"AGRICULTURE

"Agriculture is being handled with better success than any other branch of industrials. Owing to the fact that this county has a real live wire in the person of Mr. Harwell, the county agent, much has been accomplished in this line. Mr. Harwell is always ready and willing to go into the school room and give the teacher and pupils pointers in their work. I find the teachers as well as the boys and girls taking a more active interest in agriculture than ever before. Pig clubs, bean clubs, corn clubs as well as all clubs that can be classed under the head of agriculture are flourishing in the county. Plans are already on foot to make a larger and better demonstration along this line in 1917 than ever before. Working in conjunction with the county agent we expect to have a greater rivalry the coming season than ever before. Boys and girls who were successful last year and won the laurels and went to the state fair have added a wonderful stimulus to this work, others declaring their intention to give more and closer attention to their work the coming year, so that they will get to make the trip to the State fair."—New Mexican.

TO INSTALL TELEPHONES

The farmers on the Mesa south of Mountainair are working toward organizing a co-operative Telephone Line among themselves and connecting with the town. A number of these people came here from places where rural phone lines were in vogue and do not feel at home without them. A community without telephones in this day and age is not up-to-date, and these people are to be congratulated on their spirit of progress shown. Quite a number have already signed up and others are ready to do so. It is planned to get the line in working order before the rush work next spring.

HAVE YOU HELPED?

There remain only ten more days for some young lady to win the \$25.00 in gold, offered as first prize by the Independent. Who will win it? If anyone knows, they haven't told, who it is.

We believe that even the contestants will be surprised when the votes are counted, as a number have come in and paid subscriptions, have taken their votes and voted. We believe in several instances the contestants are not aware of these votes having been cast. It is just possible that on account of such votes being cast, the young ladies themselves will be surprised when the votes are finally counted, in receiving more votes than they anticipated.

The next week should see a large number of votes cast. The contestants should make a thorough canvass and secure all the votes possible, as the last few days will see the contestants hushwing as they have not done heretofore.

The coupons we are issuing may be voted any time up to 6 o'clock, Saturday evening, December 23. They are in the following amounts based on subscriptions of varying terms:

6 mos. Subscription, 1.00,	200 votes
1 year's " 2.00,	500 "
2 " " 4.00,	1250 "
3 " " 6.00,	2000 "
5 " " 10.00,	40000 "

Arrangements have been made for placing the ballot box at the Griffin Drug Company's Store where coupons may be voted for the candidates.

The following is the list of candidates nominated to date:

Miss Hazel Doyle.....1000 votes
" Lois Hollon.....1000 "
" Fairy Arnett.....1000 "
" Josephine Capt.....1000 "
" Mabel Sellers.....1000 "
" Goldie Brunner.....1000 "
" Mabel Hine, Estancia.....1000 "
" Ruby McKinley.....1000 "
" Aileen Roberson, Estancia.....1000 "
Mrs. Corinne Harris.....1000 "

Cedar Grove

Mr. Medley is erecting a new house. Miss Ima Riddell has been on the sick list.

Ira Bruce and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bruce.

Mr. Davis and family from Oklahoma arrived last week. They are visiting in the Medley home until they locate.

Sam Meyer, family, and Miss Hazel Furman, were visitors in the Sellers home Sunday. They were trying Sam's new Ford.

Vernon Furman, wife and baby from Vaughn arrived on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Furman has resigned his position as teacher in the Vaughn schools, in order to move on his homestead southeast of Mountainair.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meyer entertained the young people most pleasantly, Saturday night. The evening was spent in playing games. All departed at a late hour, expressing themselves as having a most delightful time.

New Office at Quarai

A new postoffice is to be opened shortly, or rather an old postoffice is to be revived under a new name. Punta has been without a postoffice, for some time. Mrs. Rayos Sanchez de Atencio has been appointed as postmistress, the office to be known as Quarai. This name is much more suitable than the old, the postoffice being but about a mile distant from the ruins of the ancient pueblo of La Quarai. The office will be served from Mountainair.

Mr. and Mrs. Atencio were in Mountainair yesterday at which time they made the necessary bond. Mr. Atencio will be the assistant postmaster.

WHAT CAUSES DROUTH?

In recent conversation with farmers regarding the areas to be planted to crops next year, I find that statements are usually made with some provisos. A composite statement might be given as follows: "If the season is good I will put in so many acres." It is likewise true that throughout the growing season we qualify our statements with "ifs" that are directly related to soil moisture. A great many people who have studied the subjects of dry farming closely believe that the question of whether one succeeds or fails rests largely with the man. Providence is being blamed less and less as time goes on for these failures.

The following on the subject of dry farming is offered by John A. Widtsoe, one of our best authorities on dry farming. It seems very probable that this holds true in so far as the agriculture of Torrance County is concerned. Take it for what it is worth.

DROUTH

"Drouth is said to be the arch enemy of the dry-farmer, but few agree upon its meaning. For the purposes of this volume, drouth may be defined as a condition under which crops fail to mature because of an insufficient supply of water. Providence has generally been charged with causing drouths, but under the above definition, man is usually the cause. Occasionally, relatively dry years occur, but they are seldom dry enough to cause crop failures if proper methods of farming have been practiced. There are four chief causes of drouth: (1) Improper or careless preparation of the soil; (2) failure to store the natural precipitation in the soil; (3) failure to apply proper cultural methods for keeping the moisture in the soil needed by plants, and (4) sowing too much seed for the available soil-moisture.

Crop failures due to untimely frosts, blizzards, cyclones, tornadoes, or hail may perhaps be charged to Providence, but the dryfarmer must accept the responsibility for any crop injury resulting from drouth. A fairly accurate knowledge of the climatic conditions of the district, a good understanding of the principles of agriculture without irrigation under a low rainfall, and a vigorous application of these principles as adapted to the local climatic conditions will make dry-farm failures a rarity."

Roland Harwell

County Agricultural Agent.

Liberty Point

December 10, 1916.

Oh, how cold!

The Sunday School almost froze out last Sunday.

Mr. Fuller purchased a fine team of horses lately from A. Lidzby.

Mr. Fulfer and son transacted business in Mountainair Saturday.

Rev. Garrison purchased a team of ponies of Dudley Woods of Roundtop Saturday.

W. D. Garrison filled his appointment here Sunday, preaching from the 13th verse of the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Mrs. Hodgins of Roundtop took her mother, Mrs. M. A. Garrison home with her for a visit till she recovers her usual health.

There will be a Christmas Tree at our schoolhouse on Saturday night, December 23d with a program given by the school. Let the community help and assure success.

NED.

"Old Mr. Grabco is a thrifty man. He always buys his summer suits in the fall when they are marked down, and keeps them until the following season."

"Some of these days he may lose ten or twelve dollars that way."

"How?"

"He may die some winter and leave behind a suit he's never has on."

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

First and Second grades, Miss Alice Hoyland, teacher.

Boys

1. Jack Lee
2. Joe Brown
3. Nolan Stewart
4. Jack Farley
5. Marquides Roques
6. Felipe Sanches
7. Ramon Sanches
8. Otrabiano Sanches
9. Max Barela
10. Gabino Baca
11. M. A. Bullington
12. Ricardo Diaz
13. Jose Gabaldon
14. Maximiliano Siaz
15. Andy Scroggins
16. Filimon Parea
17. Ernest McGuire
18. Robert McGuire
19. Shirley Copeland
20. Joe East
21. Johnnie Berrellas
22. Pablo Jaramillo
23. Hersel Fulfer
24. Ralph Aierton
25. Alfrido Belasques
26. Manuel Belasques
27. Liberio Montoya
28. Jim Trujillo
29. Theodore Kubena
30. Paul Wood
31. Alajandro Aragon.

Girls

1. Aurora Jaramillo
2. Delphenia Berellias
3. Bessie Mirabal
4. Pearl Supulver
5. Millie Lee
6. Romancita Brown
7. Wynona Bullington
8. Berta Speckmann
9. Sophia Gabaldon
10. Louise Scroggins
11. Evelyn Orme
12. Lola Barela
13. Esther Schmitz
14. Lolita Lee
15. Dora Elsie Ladd
16. Nannie Fay Davis
17. Thelma Wood
18. Antonia Padilla

Third, Fourth and Fifth grades, Mrs. McNeese, teacher.

1. Henry Brown
2. Warren Brunner
3. Luther Bullington
4. Raymond Brigrance
5. Frances Capt
6. Estelle Copeland
7. Mozelle Copeland
8. Robert Coulter
9. Johnanna Clark
10. May Dyer
11. William Davis
12. J. C. Davis
13. Delta Davis
14. Ruth East
15. George Farley
16. Clyde Fulfer
17. Gladys Griffin
18. Caryll Hollon
19. Alvin Lee
20. Loren Lee
21. Arville Lee
22. William McKinley
23. Florence Munther
24. Nellie Munther
25. Severo Padilla
26. Bessie Perkins
27. Minnie Ross
28. Bertha Schmits
29. Jeff Shaw
30. Rae Stewart
31. Bennie Supulver
32. Edna Supulver
33. Lonnie Supulver
34. Horald Scroggins
35. Ruby Scroggins
36. Ruth Speckmann
37. Agnes Teague
38. Nadean Waggoner
39. Wesley Wood
40. Albert Cubena.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades, Mrs. Veal, teacher.

1. Robert Fulton
2. Glenn Hollon
3. Oral Hollon
4. Orville Hollon
5. Riley Lee

SCHOLLE MINES

ARE INCREASING THEIR OUTPUT

Prof. Kirk of University of New Mexico Visits the Camp

NINE CARS SHIPPED DURING PAST WEEK

Casin Strikes Good Ore in Shaft at depth of about 100 Feet

That the mines at Scholle are becoming more and more profitable, as more work is being done is proven by the fact that during the past week nine cars of ore were shipped to the smelters, and further that the ore now being taken out is of better grade than heretofore.

Dr. W. B. Humphreys manager of the Van Horn Consolidated Copper Mining Company, has just sunk two more shafts on the property of this company, and has encountered ore of a good grade—better than that heretofore shipped from these holdings. He loaded two cars of forty-two tons each during the past week. This company will begin the erection of cabins and bunk houses for the miners at once, to be prepared for the winter.

Prof. Kirk, of the State University, has made an inspection trip to Scholle and is highly gratified at what he saw while there. He reports quite favorably on the workings and the grade of ore now being taken out.

Mr. Casin, who has holdings alongside those of the Blue Star Mining Company, has just completed a shaft, having encountered splendid ore at a depth of one hundred thirteen feet. In fact the ore encountered is reported as being quite similar to that being taken from the mines of the Cavins company. It is reported that Mr. Casin has a very tempting offer for his holdings.

6. Mike Shaw
7. Donald Shaffer
8. Walter Teague
9. Chester Perkins
10. Fred Cisneros
11. Lauriano Contreras
12. Belden Robinson
13. Veda Cooper
14. Mary Lee Colter
15. Lorene Dyer
16. Johnny Gentry
17. Nellie Failes
18. Mildred Shaffer
19. Ollie Story
20. Lorene Story
21. Irene Schmitz
22. Anna Schmitz
23. Lillian Clark
24. Nellie Perkins
25. Alma Perkins
26. Oasy Robinson

High School, B. G. Woodward, teacher.

1. Hazel Doyle
2. James Bryan
3. Lois Hollon
4. Clyde Mayo
5. Gladys Brunner
6. Rebecca Bryan
7. Cecil Cooper
8. Dorothy Colter
9. Josephine Capt
10. Isabel Clark
11. Walter Hoyland
12. Florian Chaves
13. Jimmie McKinley
14. Ruby McKinley
15. Marian McKinley
16. Milton Fulfer
17. Camilla Fulfer
18. Verah Campbell
19. Thelma Farley

Sunday Services

Rev. J. W. Williams will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday, December 17, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.